

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, the Georgia Department of Community Health is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services.

PHYSICIANS' INJECTABLE DRUG LIST (PIDL)

Effective for dates of services on or after September 1, 2009, and subject to payment at fee-for-services rates, the Department of Community Health is proposing to update the maximum allowable reimbursement for physician's injectable drugs administered by a provider or appropriate designee, in an office or outpatient setting, to the lesser of:

- Average Sales Price (ASP) + 6% as defined January 1st of each year or upon the drug's initial availability in the marketplace which ever is later; or
- The provider's usual and customary charge.

The maximum allowable reimbursement for physician's injectable drugs administered by a provider or appropriate designee in an office or outpatient setting that do not have a published ASP price will be limited to the lesser of the following until such time that ASP pricing becomes available and ASP + 6% pricing can be utilized.

- AWP-11%; or
- The provider's usual and customary charge

Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids providers subject to this change include but may not be limited to: Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Midwives, Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Podiatrists, Oral Maxillofacial Surgeons, and related providers eligible to administer injectable drugs.

The fiscal impact of this change is a savings to the Department of \$15.8 Million for SFY2010.

The purpose of this change is to more accurately match payments to the level of funding that was made available in the fiscal year 2010 Appropriations Act. This change is estimated to reduce FY 2010 expenditures as follows:

Program	Total Funds	State Funds
Medicaid	(\$14,987,926)	(\$3,746,981)
PeachCare for Kids	(\$788,838)	(\$197,210)
All Programs	(\$15,776,964)	(\$3,944,191)

This public notice is available for review at each county Department of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **July 28, 2009**, 1:00 p.m., at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the Fifth Floor Board Room. Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during

this meeting should call (404) 656-4479. Citizens wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **July 30, 2009**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Comments submitted will be available for review by the public at the Department of Community Health, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Room 4074, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **August 13, 2009** Board meeting. The Board will vote on the proposed changes at the **August 13, 2009** Board meeting to be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the Fifth Floor Board Room.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 9th DAY OF JULY, 2009

Rhonda M. Medows, M.D., Commissioner